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In re application of:

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Cytokinin Pathway

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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for filing an Amended Appeal Brief be extended one (1) month from April 4, 2004 to May 4, 2004, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$110.00 for a one (1) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$110 extension of time fee is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

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